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NPIC/PEG (2/83)Copy 29**SS-X-24 LAUNCH PREPARATIONS
PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 28, USSR**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: PRELAUNCH PREPARATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS FOR THE NEW MEDIUM-SIZE SOLID-PROPELLANT SS-X-24 ICBM (FORMERLY DESIGNATED THE PL-4).
2. (SWN) REMARKS: A SILO LOADER WITH THE REAR DOORS OPEN IS BACKED UP TO THE CLOSED SILO AT SITE 28B. A PROBABLE CANISTER EXTENSION (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS AN UPPER-CANISTER TRANSPORTER) IS NEXT TO THE SILO LOADER, AND A TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANE AND AN ASSOCIATED FLATBED TRUCK ARE ON THE SILO APRON. AT SITE 28A, A MISSILE TRANSPORTER IS ON THE SILO APRON. THE POSITIONING OF THE MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT INDICATES THAT A MISSILE HAS BEEN LOADED OR IS BEING PREPARED TO BE LOADED INTO THE SILO AT SITE 28B. NO VEHICLES WERE AT SITE 28B ON

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(SWN) THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST LAUNCH FROM SITE 28B WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 1978 AND 1982 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SS-X-24 FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM. THE TWO PREVIOUS FLIGHT TESTS OF THE SS-X-24 WERE ASSESSED TO HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM SITE 28A IN LATE OCTOBER AND FROM PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 22 IN LATE DECEMBER 1982 (DEFSMAC S/DQ/859-82 AND S/DQ/1122-82).

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3. COORDINATES 62-52-45N 041-45-00E

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